

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A postprocessing apparatus for performing a postprocessing with respect to an image forming member on which an image is to be formed, the postprocessing apparatus comprising:

an attachment unit for attaching a storage medium to the image forming member on which it has started to form the ~~image~~. image,

wherein the attachment unit staples a staple needle to a single image forming member.

2. (Original) The postprocessing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
the attachment unit attaches the storage medium to the image forming member after a process of transferring the image onto the image forming medium.

3. (Original) The postprocessing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
the attachment unit attaches the storage medium to the image forming member after a process of fixing the image onto the image forming member.

4. (Original) The postprocessing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a data writing unit for writing data into the storage medium.

5. (Original) The postprocessing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the data writing unit writes data input by user into the storage medium.

6. (Original) The postprocessing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein:
the data writing unit writes the data into the storage medium attached to the image forming member.

7. (Previously Presented) The postprocessing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the attachment unit attaches the storage medium on the basis of user's operation of the postprocessing apparatus.

8. (Original) The postprocessing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a communication interface connected to an external terminal through a network and receiving an operation of instructing the attachment of the storage medium from the external terminal, wherein:

the attachment unit attaches the data storage unit in response to the received operation.

9. (Original) The postprocessing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

a staple needle holds the storage medium; and

the attachment unit staples the staple needle holding the storage medium to the image forming member to attach the storage medium to the image forming member.

10. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A staple needle to be attached to a sheet-shape member, the staple needle comprising:

a holding portion for holding a storage medium, which stores ~~data~~ data,

wherein at least a part of the staple needle serves as an antenna for transmitting/receiving the stored data.

13. (Currently Amended) A staple needle to be attached to a sheet-shape member, the staple needle comprising:

a data storage unit for storing ~~data~~ data,

wherein at least a part of the staple needle serves as an antenna for transmitting/receiving the stored data.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for performing a postprocessing with respect to an image forming member on which an image is to be formed, the method comprising:
attaching a storage medium to the image forming member on which it has started to form the ~~image~~, image,
wherein attaching comprises stapling a staple needle to a single image forming member.